Ayurvedic dispensary at Kunnamthanam.

217. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been submitted to the Government or the Director of Ayurveda by the public regarding the opening of an Ayurvedic grant-in-aid dispensary at Kunnamthanam in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken in the matter?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

Bills of contractors.

218. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cheques issued from the office of the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, under bills of contractors in the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 till now (Mithunam 1120) respectively?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*):

1118	...	326 cheques.
1119	...	376 ,,
1120	...	299 ,,

Amounts forfeited from retention amount.

219. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount forfeited to Government from the retention amount that was outstanding in the accounts of contractors in the Kottayam Division (P. W. D.)?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Nil.

Main Central Road.

220. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the improvement of the Main Central Road which is the important highway has been included in the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: This question is being considered in conjunction with the Central Government's National Highways Scheme.

P. W. Works in Quilon Division.

221 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of new works for which amounts have been provided for in the current year in the Quilon Division P. W. D.;

(*b*) the works started and completed; and

(*c*) the works not yet begun and the reasons?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) 71 works—For names and items reference is invited to Nos. 4, 8, 11, 13, 14, 20, 25, 26, 37, 48, 49, 69, 70, 71, 84, 87, 88, 130, to 156, 197, 198, 230 to 239, 257 to 259, 265, 266, 278, 279, 280, 288 to 294 under Part II New Works in the Budget for 1120 M. E.

(*b*) 25 works were started—Vide the items of work under Nos. 4, 8, 11, 13, 26, 48, 71, 84, 88, 130, 141, 152, 156, 231, 236, 238, 239, 257, 258, 259, 266, 278, 288, 289 and 294 and 13 items of work completed vide Nos. 8, 11, 13, 88, 141, 156, 236, 238, 239, 257, 258, 288 and 289.

(*c*) The remaining 46 items of work were not begun for the following reasons.

22 works which have sanctioned estimates were not started due to either the lands having not been handed over after acquisition or to the backing out of the contractors or to the funds having been diverted to more urgent works.

24 works were not taken up due to want of estimate sanction.

Construction of a bridge at Irangal Ferry.

222 * **MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation for the construction of a bridge at Irangal ferry;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government are aware that the necessity for constructing a bridge at this place is very urgent; and

(*c*) whether the road from Irangal to Thiruvanjiyoor *via* Parampuzha is owned by the Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The Executive Engineer, Kottayam has received a petition.

(*b*) No. A ferry service serves the purpose for the present.

(*c*) No.

Bridge over Pannagam thodu.

223. * **MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions regarding the necessity of constructing a bridge over Pannagam thodu running across Ayarkunnam-Kidangoor road;

(*b*) what action they have taken on these petitions; and

(*c*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) An estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

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